

Cuyahoga Valley

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Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Brecksville, Ohio



Cuyahoga Challenge

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), in association with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), challenges you to hike 25 miles of beautiful trails in the valley. Participants who hike the following designated trails receive a commemorative patch designed by local artist Chuck Ayers. To qualify, trail segments must be hiked between May 1, when the series kicks-off at the 10th Annual March for Parks event, and ends August 31, 2004.

Participants may hike the trail segments on their own and have their registration sheets validated at any National Park Service visitor center. Hikers may also attend ranger-led programs on qualifying trails.

Please use a separate entry for each participant. Forms may be duplicated. Completed forms may be redeemed at any CVNP visitor center or mailed to Cuyahoga Challenge, c/o Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association, 4570 Akron-Peninsula Road, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. Forms redeemed by mail must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. All forms should be redeemed by September 30, 2004.

Note: Truxell Road remains closed from Akron-Peninsula Road to Kendall Lake. Trails in the Virginia Kendall Area are accessible from the east only, from Akron-Cleveland Road. Northampton Road remains closed from Akron-Peninsula Road to the east.

Name_____	Reminder: Trail segments must be hiked between May 1 and August 31.	
Address_____		
City_____State____Zip Code_____		
Trail Segment	Length in Miles	Ranger Initials
Lock 29 to Peninsula Depot to Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum & return	1.00	
Lock 29 to Deep Lock Quarry (south on Towpath Trail) & return	1.50	
Oak Hill Trail (inner loop)	1.50	
Brandywine Gorge Trail	1.50	
Hunt Farm to Beaver Marsh & return	2.50	
Tree Farm Trail	2.75	
Cross Country Trail (starting at Little Meadow parking lot)	3.00	
Stanford Trail & return (starting at Stanford Hostel)	3.00	
Canal Visitor Center to Lock 37 & return	3.00	
Old Carriage Trail (from Red Lock & return)*	5.25	
Total	25.00	
*The following four trail segments may be substituted for the longer Old Carriage Trail segment:		
Everett Road Covered Bridge (from Parking Lot & return)	.50	
Forest Point Trail (including loop)	.75	
Towpath Trail - Station Road Bridge to the Mudcatcher & return	1.00	
Lock 38 to Lock 39 & return	3.00	

Trail Information

Lock 29 Trailhead is located off of Mill Street in the Village of Peninsula. There are 2 traffic lights along State Route 303 in Peninsula. One is Akron-Peninsula Road. From that intersection, follow signs to Lock 29 Trailhead. If the parking lot is full, there is an overflow lot just past Terry Lumber along Mill Street.

Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum is located at the intersection of State Route 303 and Riverview Road, inside the Boston Township School House. Walk toward Mill Street from the Lock 29 Trailhead, then follow the path along the railroad tracks to Century Cycles, on State Route 303. Make a right on the sidewalk and walk through Peninsula to the museum. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The walk should take about 30 minutes.

Deep Lock Quarry is accessible by parking at Lock 29 Trailhead and walking south along the Towpath Trail for 3/4 mile.

Oak Hill Trail leaves from the northeast corner of the Oak Hill Trailhead parking lot. Take Riverview Road south from Peninsula, then head west on Major Road. Turn left on Oak Hill Road. Oak Hill Day Use Area will be on your left. This easy trail around Sylvan Pond is the 1½-mile inner loop of the area's trail system and takes about 45 minutes to complete.

Brandywine Gorge Trail can be reached by parking at Brandywine Falls Trailhead on Brandywine Road. Follow signs to the boardwalk and then continue around the falls toward the historic Inn at Brandywine Falls. The Brandywine Gorge Trail enters the woods beyond animal pens at the inn. This moderate 1½-mile trail takes approximately 1 hour to hike. If the stepping stones used to cross Brandywine Creek are slippery or submerged due to heavy rain, it is recommended that you return along the trail the way you came.

Tree Farm Trail is accessible from the Horseshoe Pond parking lot on Major Road south of Peninsula. This 2¾-mile loop is easy to moderate and takes approximately 1½ hours to hike.

Access the **Cross Country Trail** by parking in the Little Meadow Parking Lot on Quick

Road. You will find the trailhead at the east end of the parking lot. Allow approximately 2 hours for this moderate 3-mile trail.

Stanford Trail leaves from the parking lot behind the Stanford Hostel barn on Stanford Road. This moderate 3-mile trail takes approximately 2 hours to complete. This trail intersects the Brandywine Gorge Trail and the 2 trails can be hiked in combination for a total of 4½ miles.

Canal Visitor Center is located at 7104 Canal Road, 2 miles south of Rockside Road toward the north end of the park. Hike south on the Towpath Trail for 1½ miles to the Wilson Mill and the remains of Lock 37.

The **Old Carriage Trail** should be accessed for this hike from Red Lock Trailhead on Vaughn Road, approximately ½ mile east of Riverview Road. Start this hike by heading north 1 mile along the Towpath Trail, then doing the Old Carriage Trail loop which leads back the Towpath Trail. Total distance is 5¼ miles.

Everett Road Covered Bridge is an easy ½-mile walk that leaves from the Everett Road Covered Bridge parking lot and follows a path toward the bridge. Everett Road is ¼ mile north of Bolanz Road, off of Riverview Road.

Forest Point Trail is an easy ¾-mile trail that leaves from the southwest corner of the field beside the Octagon Shelter on Truxell Rd. It takes 30 minutes to hike this short loop. Access the Octagon Shelter on Kendall Park/Truxell Road from Akron-Cleveland Road to the east.

The **Towpath Trail from Station Road Bridge to the Mudcatcher** is an easy 1-mile roundtrip hike along the Towpath Trail which can be completed in 45 minutes. Begin at the Station Road Bridge parking area on Riverview Road just south of State Route 82. Follow the Towpath Trail north to the Mudcatcher wayside display along the Ohio & Erie Canal. Return along the same trail.

Lock 38 is located at the Canal Visitor Center on Canal Road. Head north on the Towpath Trail and you will come to Lock 39 in 1½ miles.



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